Application No. 10/074,010
Amdt. dated December 30, 2003
Reply to Office Action of December 11, 2003
Docket No. 8068-1001

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-16 and 18-20, drawn to an aqueous slurry, without traverse.

Non-elected claim 17 is canceled, but may be made the subject of a divisional application to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect Species III, the mixture of compounds. It is believed that claims 1, 4 and 5 are readable on the elected embodiment.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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